

GERMANS IN THE THROES OF A GREAT LABOR UPRISING

Working Classes Are Dissatisfied With Peace Negotiations and Internal Political Conditions

THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN OUT ON STRIKE

In Berlin Nearly Half a Million Persons Are Reported on Strike—In the Great Shipyards at Kiel, at the Hamburg Iron Works and in the Rhenish Westphalian Mine Region Workers Have Left Their Jobs—Advices From Switzerland Say That the Socialists Have Delivered an Ultimatum to the Government, Among Other Things Demanding the Conclusion of a General Peace Without Indemnities or Annexations—The Italian Success Against the Austrians in Northern Italy Has Been Extended by the Capture of Monte di Val Bela—Two Austrian Divisions Were Almost Completely Wiped Out During the Fighting.

Transcending in interest even the great victory of the Italians over the Austrians on the northern Italian battle front, is the political and economic situation in Germany.

Here, apparently, a large part of the country is in the throes of a great labor upheaval, due to dissatisfaction by the working classes over the progress of the peace negotiations and over internal political conditions generally. Throughout the country thousands upon thousands of the working classes—both men and women—have struck, and many of the great manufacturing and industrial plants have been closed.

In Berlin alone nearly half a million persons are reported on strike, and hourly those who have quit work are receiving reinforcements. Likewise in Kiel, the great shipyard center, at the Hamburg iron works, and in the Rhenish Westphalian mine region workers have thrown down their tools and left their jobs.

Leaders of the socialists—both of the independent and the majority factions—evidently are in control of the movement, and for their pains a number of the independents have been ordered imprisoned. Hugo Haase of the independent and Philipp Scheidemann the majority socialist leader in the Reichstag, are heading their respective followers.

Advices received by way of Switzerland are to the effect that the socialists have delivered an ultimatum to the government demanding the conclusion of a general peace without indemnities or annexations, participation by the workers in peace discussions, amelioration of the food situation, the right of public assembly, the release of all political prisoners and the introduction of equal electoral suffrage by direct secret ballot.

News concerning internal conditions in Austria still remain scant owing to the strict censorship. The latest

A 200-FOOT ZEPPELIN STARTLED NEW YORKERS.

It Was on Trial Flight Over the City— Flew an American Flag.

New York, Jan. 30.—New Yorkers who happened to be gazing heavenward late today stopped, rubbed their eyes and then thought of the horrifying stories they had read of Zeppelin raids on London. Floating majestically over the city was a huge cigar-shaped dirigible balloon, at least 200 feet long. Flights of airplanes over the city have become so common they fail to cause thrills, but this monster of the air was something entirely new.

Close inspection disclosed that it flew an American flag, but there were no markings on the hull, and it was merely German camouflage to allay suspicion. The dirigible first appeared in the south Brooklyn, then over downtown New York and finally over Governor's Island.

Investigation brought the information that it started at 3.30 o'clock on a trial flight from the new fort at Rockaway Point and it returned safely at 10. It carried a crew of eight men.

At its aviation field at the fort it was said the balloon is of the type known as the "American Zeppelin." The flight today was to test the efficiency of dirigibles in parachute maneuvers. Two men of the crew dropped to the ground safely from a height of 300 feet at different points.

PUGILIST ARRESTED AFTER COUNTRY-WIDE SEARCH.

Milton Bleier Is Charged With Killing Patrolman Flood in New York.

New York, Jan. 30.—After a country-wide search lasting more than six months, the New York police arrested in Baltimore today Milton Bleier, a pugilist, alleged to be the man who July killed Patrolman John P. Flood with an axe when Flood went to the rescue of a woman. Flood, summoned by the woman to her apartment, where she said her life was being threatened by a man, was attacked from behind a door.

The police announced that Bleier had waived extradition and was being brought here by a New York detective.

KANSAS CITY MUST TAKE STEPS TO ERADICATE VICE

Or the Government Will Prevent Soldiers Entering the City.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—Unless the authorities, city and state, take immediate steps to eradicate vice, the government stands prepared to quarantine the city and forbid soldiers at military establishments in this territory entering. Dr. S. J. Crumling, the health commissioner of Kansas, today informed Mayor George Edwards.

Cabled Paragraphs

Italian Shipping Losses.
Rome, Jan. 30.—Shipping losses for week ending Jan. 26 were two Italian steamers of more than 1,500 tons and two smaller vessels under 100 tons. One steamer which was damaged was able to reach port.

SOLDIERS CLASH WITH STRIKERS IN BERLIN

TROOPS IN SOME INSTANCES REFUSED TO FIRE ON STRIKERS.

London, Jan. 31.—A despatch to the Daily Express from Geneva reports that there have been clashes between soldiers and strikers in the suburbs of Berlin in which lives were lost. The despatch adds that the troops in some instances refused to fire on strikers.

BERLIN STRIKERS BECOME MORE THREATENING.

They Have Addressed to the Government an Ultimatum.

Zurich, Jan. 30.—The socialist paper Vorwaerts announces that the Berlin strikers have now become more numerous and threatening. They have addressed to the government an ultimatum, of which the following are the principal demands:

First: Accelerated conclusion of a general peace without indemnities or annexations.

Second: Participation of workmen's delegates of all the countries in the peace negotiations.

Third: Amelioration of the food situation.

Fourth: Immediate abolition of the state of siege and restoration of the right of public meeting, suspension of the Red guard, while the government forces in the north are asserted to have defeated and disarmed the revolutionaries at various places and to have started southward to give battle to the elements of disaffection there. The socialists have taken a hand in the trouble, having issued a manifesto declaring that the Finnish government desires to rule the proletariat.

Although Finland has appealed to Sweden for military aid, such aid is not likely to be rendered. On the contrary, Sweden apparently has shown its desire to keep aloof from the controversy by closing the frontier to prevent the Red guard from obtaining weapons.

The Italian success against the Austrians in the mountain region of northern Italy has been extended by the capture of Monte di Val Bela, another important stronghold. The Italians are pouring an avalanche of shells on positions behind the enemy's lines. Two Austrian divisions were almost completely wiped out during the fighting for the heights positions and more than 2,000 prisoners, six guns and 100 machine guns fell into the hands of the Italian supply.

Mutual bombardments and small raiding encounters continue to feature the fighting on the other fronts.

GERMANS CONTINUE TO SACK BELGIUM

Bedding Is Being Taken From Hotels, Boarding Houses and Convents.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Robbing of Belgium and destruction of Belgian industries by the Germans continues restlessly, according to despatches today to the Belgian legation here. Linen and mattresses are being taken from hotels, boarding houses and convents and the Belgians are not allowed to have wool in their possession. They are offered seaweed as a substitute for wool at five cents a pound.

KAISER'S REPLY TO THE KING OF SAXONY.

Boasts of Confidence in "Our" Superior Military Commandership.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.—The German emperor, replying to birthday congratulations from the king of Saxony, sent the following reply, according to the Lokal Anzeiger:

"You know how I sympathize in the sacrifices and distress which these hard times have laid upon our people, but I begin the new year full of confidence. Despite many difficulties, everything goes to show that our superior military commandership and our splendid people's great power of resistance will break our opponents' war will and create the foundation of a happy and safe future. God grant it."

GERMAN CENSOR SUPPRESSES THREE GERMAN NEWSPAPERS

Because of Their Attitude Toward Striking Workmen in Germany.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.—The German censor has ordered the Berliner Blatt, the Vorwaerts, and the Berliner Post to cease publication, according to a despatch received here from Berlin. The ban was placed on the newspapers owing to their attitude toward the striking workmen in Germany, says the despatch.

ALL WORKMEN IN KIEL SHIPYARDS ON STRIKE.

So Are Thousands of Miners in the Rhenish Westphalian Districts.

London, Jan. 30.—All the workmen in the Kiel shipyards and in the Vulkan works at Hamburg and thousands of miners in the Rhenish Westphalian districts struck on Monday, according to the Berliner Voelische Zeitung.

BATTLESHIP GROUND WHILE BREAKING ICE

Is Retting Easily in an Atlantic Port—Officers Expect to Float Her.

An Atlantic Port, June 30.—While breaking ice in a channel near here today, a battleship of the pre-dreadnought type went aground on a sand bar and tonight still was fast. She was said to be resting easily and officers expected to float her undamaged at a later date.

It developed tonight that the older battleships of the navy have been used on several occasions in opening up shipping channels closed with ice during the cold weather of the past few weeks.

HEAD-ON COLLISION ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Four Trainmen Were Killed and Two Injured—Passengers Shaken Up.

Plans for Movement of Food and Feedstuffs

MADE BY M'ADOO AND THE FOOD ADMINISTRATION

TO EXPEDITE SHIPPING

The Arrangement, It Is Hoped, Will Give the Food Administration Definite Information That Will Lead to the Better Distribution of Cereals.

Washington, Jan. 30.—An agreement on plans for the expediting transportation of food and feedstuffs was reached late today by Director General McAdoo and the food administration.

Grain and Grain Products.

The agreement as given out tonight provides:

The grain and grain product and feed shippers are to first apply for cars in the usual way through railroad agents; in case of not being furnished within a reasonable time, they may then apply to the zone representatives of the food administration grain division in Washington, stating the cars required, and if it is desired cars should be set, character of the product to be loaded, the destination of shipment and the consignee.

Food Necessities.

"The shippers of sugar, beans, rice, vegetables, livestock, meat and perishes generally should first apply for cars in the usual way through the railroad agents; in case not being furnished within reasonable time they may apply directly to the food administration in Washington, stating the cars required, the point to be sent, the character of the commodity to be loaded, the consignee and destination."

No Diversion Permitted.

"Diversion of shipment in transit except for necessities will not be permitted from destination given by the shipper to the forwarding agent of railroad where cars have been placed and loaded, and the food administration as outlined above."

Improvement Is Hoped For.

"The food administration does not undertake to secure cars nor can the director general of railroads in these uncertain times of blizzards and winter storms undertake to supply all cars applied for, but it is hoped that the new arrangement will give the food administration definite information into the character of the commodity, the character of the product to be loaded, the consignee and trades of the most acute needs."

DISMISSED BECAUSE OF DISLOYAL UTTERANCES

Catherine Haupt, Matron at Mansfield Training School, Laktville.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 30.—Because of alleged disloyal utterances, Miss J. Catherine Haupt, a matron at the Mansfield training school for Laktville, has been dismissed by the board of trustees. Cautious criticism of the government and its policies, she was reported to officers of the state council of defense and by them to the school trustees. The trustees, through J. P. Carroll, chief of the state council of defense, and then asked to resign on January 24. When she failed to do so she was dismissed.

SHORTAGE OF AMMONIA USED IN MAKING ICE

To Be Subject at Conference of Ice Dealers With Hoover.

New York, Jan. 30.—To ascertain the facts regarding an alleged shortage of ammonia used in making ice and to bring about an agreement between the manufacturers of natural ice as to which branch of the trade should produce 1,000,000 more tons needed to insure an adequate supply for New York next summer, a delegation of ice dealers left today for Washington to confer with Federal Food Administrator Hoover.

DELIVERED ADDRESS OVER LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

Serbian Commissioner in New York Talked to San Francisco.

New York, Jan. 30.—Dr. Milenko Vesitch, head of the royal Serbian mission delivered an address over the long distance telephone today to the Jugo-Slav committee in San Francisco, and received a reply from the committee with the assurance that all the southern Slavs of the Pacific coast will work and fight for the liberation of their country.

SHOT EACH OTHER TO ESCAPE MILITARY DUTY

Sergeant Claude Mason and Private Roland Pye at Camp Logan.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 30.—Mystery surrounded the shooting of Sergeant Claude Mason and Private Roland Pye of Company M, 132nd Infantry, at Camp Logan, was cleared today when intelligence officers obtained statements from the men that each had shot the other, hoping thereby to escape further duty and obtain honorable discharge. They will be court-martialed.

Heavy Snows in East; Floods West, South

SIX AND ONE-HALF INCHES OF SNOW IN VIRGINIA

Washington, Jan. 30.—Heavy snows in the east, floods in the middle west and parts of the south, rain in the south Atlantic and Gulf states, and a cold wave preceded by light snowfalls in the far west were reported tonight by the weather bureau.

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COLD WAVE IN FAR WEST

The Snow Storm Has Reached New York and Is Sweeping on to New England—Forecasts Say the Snow in Eastern States Will Continue Today.

Heavy Snow in Virginia.

The Gulf disturbance yesterday caused heavy snows during the day in Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland and the storm was sweeping on to New England tonight, with snow falling as far north as New York city. The snow in the eastern states will continue tomorrow. Forecaster Frankfield said, with some in the lower lake region, but there will be fair weather today.

Ice Breaking Up in Ohio River.

The ice in the Ohio river at Cincinnati began breaking up today and indications point to a general breaking of the ice in the lower Ohio within the next two or three days. The flow from the southern tributaries from which most of the ice was coming has been somewhat Thursday, however, by low temperatures. Floods are general over the south, except in Georgia, but have not yet become serious. Flooded warrens have been issued for North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama. A breaking of the ice in the Ohio and Mississippi will cause floods as far south as Cairo on the Mississippi river.

Cold Wave Moving East.

The cold wave over the far west has moved eastward tonight and has reached northwest Texas and the Missouri valley and will cause colder weather tomorrow in the south upper lake and west lower lake region, the Ohio valley, Tennessee and the south. Ohio it will be colder in the upper Ohio valley, the lower lake region and the Atlantic states.

ICE GORGES IN MISSISSIPPI, OHIO AND GREEN RIVERS

Have Brought Fresh Disasters to Shipping and Other Property.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 30.—Breaking ice gorges in the Ohio, Mississippi and green rivers today in some instances brought fresh disasters to shipping and other property. The ice broke in ones in others and created uneasiness in widely separated sections.

At the annual meeting at Hartford of the Connecticut Humane society the following officers were re-elected:

President, Rev. William Deane Lowe; secretary, Miss Mary A. Lally.

More than a score of persons were killed in a series of explosions followed by fire which destroyed the alcohol refining plant and the primary building of the Pioneer Furnace Co. at Marquette, Mich.

A Pasquelli, one of three boys who ran away from the American School for the Deaf at Hartford, was killed by a train about five miles from Hartford. The boys were attempting to walk to Springfield.

Fish skins for shoes is the promise as the result of experiments made at Newark, N. J., with the skins of the whale porpoise and sturgeon. It is predicted that the price of shoes will take a 50 per cent. drop.

The Washington monument was placed in the class of armaments following the Food Administration's order. Tuesday visitors desiring to see the view from its top will have to walk up the 500-foot stairway.

PLANTS FOR DRYING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Are Provided For in a Bill Introduced by Senator Gore.

Washington, Jan. 30.—A bill authorizing the secretary of agriculture to establish throughout the country drying plants for the drying of fruits and vegetables was introduced today by Senator Gore. The plants would be open for public use and states and municipalities would pay one-half of the cost. An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the work is proposed.

FUEL SAVING ORDERS MODIFIED

RETAIL FOOD STORES, SHOE AND CLOTHING REPAIR SHOPS MAY OPEN AT 6:30 A. M.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 30.—Fuel saving orders were modified in three respects tonight. Governor Holcomb amended his early closing proclamation to allow retail food stores and shoe and clothing repair shops to open at 6:30 a. m. when such opening would accommodate workers who have to be in shops at 7 o'clock.

State Fuel Administrator Thomas W. Russell issued an order to local administrators to notify coal dealers not to sell coal to factories unless the coal was used for the production of local fuel.

The administrator also changed his closing order in respect to soda water stores to allow them to remain open until 10:30 at night for the sale of soda water and soft drinks only. Candy sales must cease at 10 o'clock.

Condensed Telegrams

Safelocks took \$250 from a Douglas shoe store in Hoboken.

The President cancelled the second Cabinet meeting of the week.

Soldiers and sailors to take Government insurance number 600,000.

A report of a strike in a torpedo factory near Kiel was received at Amsterdam.

General Pershing reported the deaths of four more American troops from pneumonia.

Eleven soldiers are in jail on a charge of trying to wreck a train near Anniston, Alabama.

The Cunard line's Adonia, which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland, is safe in a British port.

A code message sent from Nauen Germany, was picked up by wireless operator at Camp Meade.

The United States Supreme Court will take its midwinter recess Feb. 4, and will reconvene March 4.

Three thousand persons took part in a riot in a suburb against the cutting down of the four rationals.

The names of one American killed, one wounded and one gassed appeared on the Canadian casualties list.

German prisoners working at Sheffield, Eng., refused to work alongside of pacifists and have gone on strike.

The latest increases granted to railroad workers in England add \$9.230.000 to the annual payrolls of the railroads.

The Night Police Club in New York, was set down on the list of places, which must obey the order of the fuel administrator.

Fire of unknown origin, destroyed the Barton House, at Poughkeepsie, one of the oldest hotels in New York. The loss was \$100,000.

Thirteen carpenters were killed and four injured when a Boston & Maine freight train crashed into their car while they were going to work.

Captain John Wasmakof, Jr., has been placed in charge of the work of training dogs for war service at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.

The Interstate Commerce Commission voted 7 to 6 that the Government should relinquish the control of the railroads one year after the war.

Capt. Alexander S. Williams, the first "car" of the New York Trolley left a net estate of \$124,000. Williams christened the Tenderloin.

British salvage companies are already working out plans to recover the war trophies lying at the bottom of the sea in torpedoed ships.

Otto Praeger, second assistant to the postmaster-general, announced that steamers for the first time are carrying parcel post to relieve the congestion.

Fourteen steamboats in the Ohio River were swept away when huge ice flows above the Paduch broke and released the vessels from their moorings.

The House merchant marine and fisheries committee reported favorably on the plan for the President to describe a war zone around the shipbuilding plants.

Residents of a small village near Ashford, England, boasting only nine inhabitants, have been warned by the Government against "collecting in a crowd in case of an air raid."

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Joseph Dolski, 11, of Chicago, is undergoing the punishment of only nine months in a New York following a four-day ride in a refrigerator car. The heat is being applied by a friendly yardmaster.

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LARGE SECTIONS OF THE EAST ARE FACING A COAL FAMINE

Result of Further Hampering of Railroad Transportation by Yesterday's Snow and Ice Storms

PENNSYLVANIA SEABOARD IN WORST CONDITION

There Are Indications That Many Industries Will be Forced to Stop Operations for a Few Days for Lack of Fuel—Preferential Treatment of Coal Shipments for Domestic Consumption, for Ships and Industries is to be Continued—Mr. McAdoo Has Promised to Rush the Rail Movement of Coal to New England—The New Zone System of Distributing Coal Will be Put Into Effect Next Week.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Large sections of the east face a coal famine within the next few days as a result of further hampering of railroad transportation by today's snow and ice storms. Reports reaching the railroad and fuel administrations tonight showed New England, parts of Pennsylvania and districts along the Atlantic seaboard in worst condition and there were indications that many industries would be forced to stop operations for a few days for lack of fuel.

Already the railroad administration has done all possible to meet the emergency. It was said, and developments must depend almost entirely on weather conditions. Forecasts of these gave no basis of hope, for snow was promised for most of the country east of the Mississippi tomorrow.

No new orders for a general industrial embargo are planned by the fuel administrator, but the preferential treatment of coal shipments for domestic consumption, for ships and for the railroads will continue. An extension of the freight embargo might be considered by the railroad administration to assist railroads to move coal.

It was explained, except for the fact that very little general freight is now being accepted for eastward movement by any lines.

Reports by Director General McAdoo indicated that the westbound movement of freight today was nearly 10 per cent. under that of yesterday.

Most of this was coal. The return movement of empty coal cars to mining districts was slightly better, except in West Virginia, Kentucky and

Virginia, where floods still restricted transportation seriously. Floods in the balance of the country, which had been feared yesterday, were postponed by continuing cold weather.

The plight of New England was discussed with Mr. McAdoo by Fuel Administrator Garfield J. Storrow, fuel administrator for that section. Mr. McAdoo promised to rush the rail movement of coal to the north-east, and said he believed the supply would be sufficient to prevent a general suspension of industries.

Mr. Storrow was not so hopeful. He explained that the interference with the hauling of coal from Hampton Roads by vessel, because of the preference given government ships held there for coal, had cut New England's normal supply from that source to almost nothing in the last few days. Arrangements have been made to start the movement again.

More moderate weather at Hampton Roads the last few days has helped that coal formerly held in cars and vessels. The dumping and coaling of vessels.

Weather conditions and railroad congestion have interfered seriously with shipbuilding activities, according to reports today to the shipping board. Deep snow has made it impossible for ships to keep at work. In addition, the freight congestion has curtailed the supply of materials to great extent and some shipyards are entirely without materials.

The new zone system of distributing coal will be put into effect next week, but officials do not believe that it will effect much saving of handling at first.

BIG SHIPMENT OF COAL DESTINED FOR BOSTON

Fleet of Fifty Steamers, Schooners and Barges at Hampton Roads.

Washington, Jan. 30.—In response to an urgent appeal from J. J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator, the shipping board tonight directed that coal piers at Hampton Roads ports give complete right of way of loading during a 72 hour period beginning tomorrow morning to a fleet of fifty steamers, schooners and barges waiting there to take coal for Boston.

At the same time Director General McAdoo instructed the railroads to give priority tomorrow to the twelve coal trains each to supplement the usual movement of coal to New England and to meet emergency demands.

Simultaneously the commission refused to allow railroads to cancel existing commodity rates on shipments of less than a carload and apply higher class rates.

Rail and water rates on shipments by way of Galveston were authorized increased to the level of all rail rates.

Rates on commodities for export may be raised, according to the commission's decision.

HALT IN INQUIRY INTO MEAT PACKING BUSINESS

Henry is Going to Chicago to Get Veeder Papers.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Federal Trade Commission's inquiry into the meat packing business came to a temporary halt late today when an announcement by today that Henry Veeder, counsel for the packers, had been let loose when he got to Chicago immediately.

Hugh McLenahan, an examiner in charge of the investigation at Chicago, telegraphed today that Veeder had refused to allow him to continue inspection of his personal papers and that he had sealed the rail.

Mr. Henry told the commission that he would show by evidence already obtained that Veeder was the brains of "clearing house" of the alleged combination of packers, and that nothing was done by them without consulting him.

DOWN MONONGAHELA RIVER

Seeking Shelter From Ice Which Had Been Let Loose From Gorge.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR U. S. TROOPS IN FRANCE

To Be Provided by General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Washington, Jan. 30.—To provide recreational facilities for American soldiers on leave in France, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has created a "war victory commission" which will co-operate with the commission on training camp activities in establishing an American rest station behind the battle lines in France.

Members of the federation will be called upon to donate \$250,000 for the work.

The federation's members in Texas started the movement by raising \$50,000.

86,000 OFFICERS TURNED OUT IN TRAINING CAMPS.

11,000 Will Be Graduated from the Third Series.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Army officers today estimated that 11,000 officers will be graduated from the third series of training camps, now in progress, making a total of 56,000 officers turned out through these camps.

Com